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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRN, BG

SUBJECT: BANGLADESH BIMAN PURCHASE OF BOEING 707

1. GENERAL OSMANY, MIN OF CIVIL AVIATION, ASKED CHARGE TO COME TO HIS OFFICE URGENTLY DECEMBER 11. OSMANY TOLD CHARGE THAT TEMPLEWOOD AVIATION (U.K.) WAS TRYING TO RAISE THE PRICE OF BOEING 707-320C ON GROUNDS OF FLUCTUATION OF POUND STERLING AGAINST DOLLAR. PURCHASE AGREEMENT HAD SPECIFIED PRICE IN POUND STERLING.

2. OSMANY EXPLAINED THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO GO BACK TO THE CABINET WITH SUCH A PROPOSAL. HE HAD ONLY RECENTLY AND WITH GREAT DIFFICULTY GOT CABINET TO ALLOCATE PURCHASE PRICE FOR FULL IMMEDIATE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF ORIGINAL INSTALLMENT TERMS.

3. OSMANY REQUESTS THAT USG GET IN TOUCH WITH NORTHWEST AIRLINES, OWNERS OF BOEING MACHINE (WHICH IS NOW PHYSICALLY LOCATED IN MINNEAPOLIS) TO QUERY WHETHER NORTHWEST WOULD CONSENT TO IMMEDIATE CASH PAYMENT IN FULL IN US DOLLARS.

4. BANGLADESH BIMAN AND GENERAL OSMANY ARE CURRENTLY IN UNCOMFORTABLE PUBLIC RELATIONS POSTURE DOMESTICALLY IN BANGLADESH. MATTERS WILL BE APPRECIABLY WORSE FOR THEM IF ARRANGEMENT FOR TRANSFER OF NEW PLANE FALLS APART. ANYTHING WASHINGTON CAN DO TO
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HELP PARTIES RESOLVE PAYMENT DISPUTE WOULD BE WORTH THE EFFORT.

5. EMBASSY WILL APPRECIATE CABLE REPORT OF NORTHWEST REACTION TO
OSMANY QUERY.
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